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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
HELENA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	CR 21-12 -H-BMM
Plaintiff,	PLEA AGREEMENT
vs.	
TYLER D. PINNT,	
Defendant.	

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States of America, represented by Cyndee L. Peterson, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Montana, and the defendant, Tyler D. Pinnt, and the defendant's attorney, Heath M. Lynch, have agreed upon the following:

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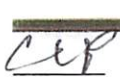

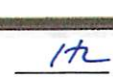
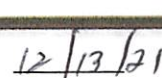
1. **Scope:** This plea agreement is between the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Montana and the defendant. It does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authority, or the United States Probation Office.

2. **Charges:** The defendant agrees to plead guilty to the information, which charges the crime of receipt of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2). The count carries a mandatory minimum punishment of five years of imprisonment and a maximum punishment of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine, not less than five years and up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

In addition, if the Court determines the defendant is not indigent, the defendant will be ordered to pay a mandatory \$5,000 special assessment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2559A. The defendant can also be ordered to pay up to a \$35,000 special assessment pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014 as determined by the Court at the time of sentencing.

The defendant will admit the forfeiture allegation in the information.

3. **Nature of the Agreement:** The parties agree that this plea agreement will be governed by Rule 11(c)(1)(A) and (B), *Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure*. The defendant acknowledges that the agreement will be fulfilled provided the United States: a) does not pursue other charges against the defendant;

			
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and b) makes the recommendations provided below. The defendant understands that if the agreement is accepted by the Court, there will not be an automatic right to withdraw the plea even if the Court does not accept or follow the recommendations made by the United States.

4. Admission of Guilt: The defendant will plead guilty because the defendant is guilty of the charge contained in the information. In pleading guilty, the defendant acknowledges that:

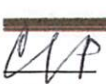


Receipt of Child Pornography:

First, that between on or about March 2015 and July 2021, the defendant knowingly received child pornography;

Second, that the child pornography was received using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce, or that had been shipped or transported in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer;

Third, that the child pornography was a visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct; and

Fourth, that the defendant knew of the sexually explicit nature of the material and that the visual depictions were of actual minors engaged in that sexually explicit conduct.

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Forfeiture Allegation:

The defendant also admits that the two iPhone, MacBook and desktop computer identified in the information was used to facilitate the commission of the offense or contains an image of child pornography.

5. Waiver of Rights by Plea:

(a) The defendant is entitled to have the charge outlined in paragraph 2, above, prosecuted by an indictment returned by a concurrence of 12 or more members of a legally constituted grand jury, consisting of not less than 16 and not more than 23 members.

(b) The government has a right to use against the defendant, in a prosecution for perjury or false statement, any statement given under oath during the plea colloquy.

(c) The defendant has the right to plead not guilty or to persist in a plea of not guilty.

(d) The defendant has the right to a jury trial unless, by written waiver, the defendant consents to a non-jury trial. The United States must also consent and the Court must approve a non-jury trial.

(e) The defendant has the right to be represented by counsel and, if necessary, have the Court appoint counsel at trial and at every other stage of these proceedings.

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(f) If the trial is a jury trial, the jury would be composed of 12 laypersons selected at random. The defendant and the defendant's attorney would have a say in who the jurors would be by removing prospective jurors for cause where actual bias or other disqualification is shown, or without cause by exercising peremptory challenges. The jury would have to agree unanimously before it could return a verdict of either guilty or not guilty. The jury would be instructed that the defendant is presumed innocent, and that it could not convict unless, after hearing all the evidence, it was persuaded of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

(g) If the trial is held by the judge without a jury, the judge would find the facts and determine, after hearing all of the evidence, whether or not the judge was persuaded of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

(h) At a trial, whether by a jury or a judge, the United States would be required to present its witnesses and other evidence against the defendant. The defendant would be able to confront those government witnesses and the defendant's attorney would be able to cross-examine them. In turn, the defendant could present witnesses and other evidence. If the witnesses for the defendant would not appear voluntarily, their appearance could be mandated through the subpoena power of the Court.

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(i) At a trial, there is a privilege against self-incrimination so that the defendant could decline to testify and no inference of guilt could be drawn from the refusal to testify. Or the defendant could exercise the choice to testify.

(j) If convicted, and within 14 days of the entry of the Judgment and Commitment, the defendant would have the right to appeal the conviction to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for review to determine if any errors were made that would entitle the defendant to reversal of the conviction.

(k) The defendant has a right to have the district court conduct the change of plea hearing required by Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. By execution of this agreement, the defendant waives that right and agrees to hold that hearing before, and allow the Rule 11 colloquy to be conducted by, the U.S. Magistrate Judge, if necessary.

(l) If convicted in this matter, a defendant who is not a citizen of the United States may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied admission to the United States in the future.

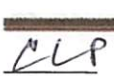


The defendant understands that by pleading guilty pursuant to this agreement, the defendant is waiving all of the rights set forth in this paragraph. The defendant's attorney has explained those rights and the consequences of waiving those rights.

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6. **Recommendations:** The United States will recommend the defendant's offense level be decreased by two levels for acceptance of responsibility, pursuant to USSG §3E1.1(a), unless the defendant is found to have obstructed justice prior to sentencing, pursuant to USSG §3C1.1, or acted in any way inconsistent with acceptance of responsibility. The United States will move for an additional one-level reduction, pursuant to USSG §3E1.1(b), if appropriate under the Guidelines. The defendant agrees to pay the \$100 special assessment at the time of the defendant's sentencing. The parties reserve the right to make any other arguments at the time of sentencing. The defendant understands that the Court is not bound by this recommendation.

7. **Sentencing Guidelines:** Although advisory, the parties agree that the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines must be applied, and a calculation determined, as part of the protocol of sentencing to determine what sentence will be reasonable.

8. **Waiver of Appeal of the Sentence – General:** The defendant understands that the law provides a right to appeal and collaterally attack the sentence imposed in this case. 18 U.S.C. § 3742(a); 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2255. Based on the concessions made by the United States, the defendant knowingly waives any right to appeal or collaterally attack any aspect of the sentence, including conditions of probation or supervised release. This waiver includes challenges to the constitutionality of any statute of conviction and arguments that

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the admitted conduct does not fall within any statute of conviction. This waiver does not prohibit the right to pursue a collateral challenge alleging ineffective assistance of counsel.

9. Forfeiture: The defendant also agrees to abandon all right title and interest in the property described in the forfeiture allegation of the information, execute a release and waiver to that effect, or agree to the entry of an Order of Forfeiture transferring the property to the United States.

10. Disclosure of Financial Information: The defendant authorizes the U.S. Probation Office to release to the Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office all documents and financial information provided by the defendant to the U.S. Probation Office and any information obtained by the U.S. Probation Office about the defendant through its investigation. The defendant further agrees to fully complete a financial statement in the form prescribed by the U.S. Attorney's Office, provide financial documents as requested, and submit to a debtor's exam if deemed appropriate by the U.S. Attorney's Office, in order to evaluate the defendant's ability to satisfy any financial obligation imposed by the Court. The defendant consents to being immediately placed on the Treasury Offset Program to help meet the defendant's obligation to pay restitution and/or a fine.

11. Restitution: The defendant agrees to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,000 per victim to any victim who may be identified in the defendant's files and

			
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requests restitution prior to sentencing, with the caveat that if the total number of victims results in an amount of restitution exceeding \$75,000 total, neither party shall be bound by this paragraph and the restitution amount will be litigated or renegotiated.

12. Megan's Law/Adam Walsh Act Notice: The defendant has been advised and understands that under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, a federal law, the defendant must register and keep the registration current in each of the following jurisdictions: the location of the defendant's residence, the location of the defendant's employment, and, if the defendant is a student, the location of the defendant's school. Registration will require that the defendant provide information that includes name, residence address, and the names and addresses of any places at which the defendant is or will be an employee or a student. The defendant understands that registrations must be updated no later than three business days after any change of name, residence, employment, or student status. The defendant understands and acknowledges that, prior to any travel, information must be provided relating to intended travel outside of the United States. 42 U.S.C. § 16914. The defendant understands that failure to comply with these obligations subjects the defendant to prosecution for failure to register under federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 2250, which is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

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13. Voluntary Plea: The defendant and the defendant's attorney acknowledge that no threats, promises, or representations have been made to induce the defendant to plead guilty, and that this agreement is freely and voluntarily endorsed by the parties.

14. Detention/Release After Plea: The United States agrees that it will not move for detention, but will defer to the discretion of the Court the decision as to whether the defendant meets the conditions of 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(1) or (2), and whether the defendant has clearly shown exceptional reasons why detention is not appropriate. 18 U.S.C. § 3145(c). The United States is obligated to advise the Court of the appropriate legal standards that relate to the defendant's eligibility for post-conviction release. The defendant acknowledges that obligation and understands that advising the Court as to the law and facts is not an abrogation of its agreement not to request remand.

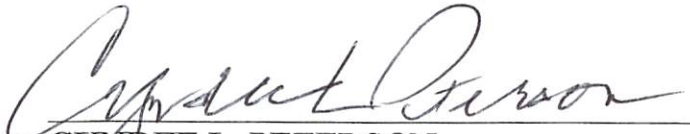
15. Breach: If the defendant breaches the terms of this agreement or commits any new criminal offenses between signing this agreement and sentencing, the U.S. Attorney's Office is relieved of its obligations under this agreement, but the defendant may not withdraw the guilty plea.

16. Entire Agreement: Any statements or representations made by the United States, the defendant, or defense counsel prior to the full execution of this plea agreement are superseded by this plea agreement. No promises or

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representations have been made by the United States except as set forth in writing in this plea agreement. This plea agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any term or condition which is not expressly stated as part of this plea agreement is not to be considered part of the agreement.

LEIF JOHNSON
Acting United States Attorney



CYNDEE L. PETERSON
Assistant U. S. Attorney

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TYLER D. PINNT
Defendant

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HEATH M. LYNCH
Defense Counsel

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